

I am concerned about our democracy when free public airways are allowed to air partisan, smear programs that clearly favors one side. That is what Sinclair is planning to do.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This is electioneering and is against Federal Election Law.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Please block this political smear tactic or at very least, have them show "Going Upriver" along side to show both sides. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. If Sinclair shows this film, they are breaking the law and should have their liscence revoked. Thank you.